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Serial No. 09/761,670

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For: A METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR  
EVALUATING CASH FLOW  
ELEMENTS OF A BUSINESS  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

431 (amended) A computer-implemented method for valuing the cash flow contribution of elements of value of a business enterprise, comprising:

organizing data related to the value of the business enterprise by the 3 components of value and two or more elements of value where at least one element of value is intangible,

calculating, for each one of the elements of value, a composite variable characterizing the performance of the element of value of the business enterprise;

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